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This issue of CLAW & FANG is dedicated to the porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum). The porcupine is the second largest rodent in North America. (The beaver is the largest.) An adult porcupine may weigh up to 30 pounds and will be about two and a half feet long which includes the eight-inch tail. Each porcupine has from 20,000 to 30,000 quills which are actually modified hairs. The quill is hollow and tapers to a long slender point that has tiny backward point barbs which make them difficult to extract. They cannot throw the quills as some story-tellers would have you believe. The quills are very effective and the porcupine has not needed to evolve other defense mechanisms such as fleetness of foot, agility, or good eyesight--and, I suspect, much intelligence.

Porcupines are most often found in coniferous forests. They are good climbers with their long curved claws. They are vegetarians and feed upon a great variety of plants. The porcupine is especially fond of the cambium layer of tree bark and this peccadillo sometimes gets him into trouble on commercial timberlands. On the other hand, he also has a great fondness for mistletoe. This semiparasitic plant is responsible for the destruction of many host trees, and the porcupine's ledger is more than balanced by the mistletoe he eradicates. He also has a great loving for salt and will gnaw anything that has a trace of salt on it such as canoe paddles, ax handles, gun stocks, pack straps, or any other items that have been handled by sweaty hands. (I wonder how he likes typewriter keys?)

Young porcupines come into the world after a lengthy gestation period of over 200 days. They are rather well developed, being larger than new bears at birth (which isn't saying very much.) They are born with a full complement of quills that harden as soon as they dry. Single births are the rule for porcupines and there are no authentic records of twins.

This brings us around to the old question, "How do porcupines mate?" The answer, of course, is "Carefully, very carefully."

Actually, each quill is controlled by tiny muscles that allow them to be erected or flattened. A receptive female will relax her quills against her skin. Courting males usually let the female make the first advances, but even then they approach her ...carefully. Maybe they're not so dumb after all.

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GAME OPENINGS WILL CONTINUE

In the last issue I announced--in all sincerity--that when Dave Forte's game was filled there would be no more Guest GM games. However, soft ~~hearted~~ hearted soul that I am, I could not deprive these applicants of playing in CLAW & FANG. Therefore, I rounded up two more guest GMs and will run two more games. One game already has five applicants. Guest GM games are run on monthly deadlines for spring and fall moves with winter inbetween or combined with spring. The game year thus lasts two months which is still faster than a tri-weekly zine with a separate deadline for each season.

We still need a few more applicants for the Bourse game before we can start it. The game fee is \$1.00 which should be sent to the Bourse GMs Paul and Scott Hightower, 3118 Lamar Dr., Lexington KY 40502. There will be awards to the top three finishers. If you want a copy of the Bourse rules let me--or them--know.

ADVICE TO THE NOVICE POSTAL DIPLOMACY PLAYER

by Bob Wartenburg

Why are novice players reluctant to play by mail, or quit playing after their first game? Nobody knows why for sure, but after reading this article about my experience, perhaps they will join or rejoin the hobby.

I started playing postal dippy about one year ago. I was reluctant, at first, to do it. "Why should I spend money to join a game and get my rump kicked? I'll probably get knocked out in two years because these guys play by mail are a bunch of fanatical warmongers who love the game and are much better than I am at writing letters and getting people to ally with them instead of me." Right? Well, you're wrong!

These were just some of the thoughts going through my head, but I decided to do it anyway. I paid for a sub and game fee and when the game started (1974K) I was petrified. My country assignment was Turkey and at first my strategy was to survive as long as possible. I didn't know how to write letters of diplomacy (or so I thought) so I decided to wait until I received letters and use their basic format to answer them. Here is where I learned that the novice has a great advantage over an experienced player. Nobody knows you. So I decided to use this to my advantage. I also found out that I could write diplomacy letters just as well as the next guy.

To make a long story short, the game ended in a 5-way draw with my country being the strongest on the board. I enjoyed the game so much that I am not involved in two other games and considering trying my hand at gamemastering.

So you people out there who would like to get into the action but won't for one reason or another, give it a try anyway and surprise yourself on how well you can do, as I did. Everybody was new to the hobby at one time or another.

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TWO NEW GAMES BEGIN
(Players Previously Notified By Mail)

1975CD

GAMEMASTER: David Reynolds, 3480 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22302

This game was originally MENSA 4. The players and their country assignments (chosen by lot) are:

AUSTRIA: Chris Pike, 72 Berteau Ave, St Johns, NFLD, Canada A1A 1V8

ENGLAND: Tony Zahn, Box 1046, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho 83814

FRANCE: Ann Burt, 300 Stony Point Rd., Apt 194, Santa Rosa, Calif 95401

GERMANY: Eva Lydick, 700 Live Oak, No. 3, Menlo Park, CA 94025

ITALY: Robert Stimmel, Brooks Hotel, Apt 8, 1541 Sawtell Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025

RUSSIA: David Carawan, 5916 Dinswiddie St., Springfield, VA 22150

TURKEY: Russell Johnston, Bx 1886, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2P 2L8

Spring 1901 orders are due at David's on May 24.

1975CT

GAMEMASTER: David Forte, Apt 4A, 601 W. 112th St., New York, N.Y. 10025

This game was originally C&F #19. The players and their country assignments (chosen by lot) are:

COA AUSTRIA: Michael Raff, Fargo Quad, Box A 754A, SUNYAB, Amherst Campus, Buffalo, N.Y.

ENGLAND: Capt Allan Hancock, PSC Box 31, APO Seattle 98750 14261

FRANCE: Jim Fiack, 5116 Marconi Ave., Carmichael, Calif 95608

GERMANY: Mike Fudec, 715 Goodrich Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105

ITALY: Fred Brenner, 2821 West 12th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

RUSSIA: Robert Stimmel, Brooks Hotel, Apt 8, 1541 Sawtell Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025

TURKEY: Lee Kendter, 4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, PA 19135

Spring 1901 orders are due at David Forte's on May 24.

Change of address for Michael Raff for the summer to 123 Varinna Dr., Rochester, New York 14618.

THE COFFEE BREAK WAR VICTORY STATEMENT:

REFLECTIONS OF A NOVICE DIPLOMACY WINNER

By Jim Fiack

The April 16, 1975 CLAW & FANG (#50) outlined our office Diplomacy game that ended after Fall 1921 with my victory (Russia). Russia finished the one season per day game with 18 supply centers, Italy 13, and England 3. This account of that game will first outline how we novices played the game and then summarize it.

One only member (Italy) had ever come into contact with the game before. Therefore, all the other members initially experienced the errors of inexperience, i.e. miswritten moves, over expansion, not realizing the advantages of mutual support, etc. As those playing were from different units of the office that had daily interface, it was easy to establish and/or unestablish coalitions.

The game opened with an Austria-Russia, Turkey-Italy, and France-England coalitions. The Austria-Russia coalition was because of friendship, the other two because of conveniences. Germany did not seem to grasp the concept of the game (all positions held in Spring 1901) and never really allied with anyone. This factor probably resulted in my early gains.

The personality traits quickly appeared. Austria-Hungary (lawyer) would not compromise his position; France wanted to be independent to the point that it hurt him; England would grab a supply center rather than make a defensive move; Russia pretty well kept her word (I'm trying not to be too modest).

Now for a brief summary:

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AUSTRIA	3	4	3	2	1	-																
ENGLAND	3	5	6	7	7	5	7	7	6	8	9	10	9	8	11	10	10	9	10	8	5	3
FRANCE	3	5	6	7	8	8	8	9	10	7	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	1	-			
GERMANY	3	4	3	1	1	2	-															
ITALY	3	4	5	7	7	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	14	13
RUSSIA	4	6	4	4	5	8	10	10	12	14	15	14	15	16	14	14	13	15	13	14	15	18
TURKEY	3	4	5	5	5	6	4	4	2	1	-											

Spring 1905. Turkey joins the Austria-Russian alliance as Turkey was convinced by the one-army Austria that Italy had abused her. The alliance had mutual benefit. A threatened Russian fleet would leave Constantinople for a Turkish build. Turkey would support Austria into Trieste for an Austrian build (and an Italian loss). And Russia would take St Petersburg from England. Austria took Trieste, Turkey took Constantinople, and now we hear Russia shouldn't take St Petersburg as England, who is no longer a France ally since she was attacked by France in 1904, would be hurt. Russia told all the alliance was over. No surprise, just fact. That was a surprise was the Fall 1905 Russia-Italy alliance. Russia is up to 10 centers by Fall 1906.

England and France ally again in Fall 1906 as they really have no choice. The war appears to bog down in 1908. France showed her independence by attacking England again. England joins Russia against France. By Fall 1909 Russia has 14 centers and is tasting victory.

Being open I inform England (9 Supply Centers) that I must keep my alliance with Italy. Why did I need England? After all she was kind of large and Italy wasn't (5 SC). Besides France and England couldn't join forces a third time..right? Wrong!

France (5 SC) stopped us in the Western Mediterranean. Russia, shipless in the north, can't move. We got outguessed and outfoxed till 1914 when we realize that half of the alliance could dislodge the other into the vacant sea. Fall 1918 my army is in Clyde. The game quickly comes to an end.

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The Italy-Russia alliance was a workable one only as both were naked to the other. My centers in Austria-Hungary were vulnerable so I wanted to build a fleet in Sevastopol. I didn't though. The game could have ended 5 or 6 years earlier if I would have deserted Italy but in 1905 Italy supported me against Austria and Turkey for a +3 for me and a -2 for Italy. The only request of Italy was to be allowed to remain in the game. By the end of the game we worked in essence as one unit, not two.

All considered we enjoyed the game and are thinking of playing a one-day game in the near future. That would probably be a more professional game, however, the known personality traits could probably make the game predictable.

1975 N

GAMEMASTER: Doug McMullin, Box 26 Moor Rd. RR #2, Courtenay, B.C. Canada V9M 5N9
Spring 1902.....Moves.....Click..Click.....Gash.....Whirl.....Sprong..

WHO IS WINNING?????

AUSTRIA Tom Burkacki: (4) A Vie* S A Bud, A Bud* S A Ser, A Ser S F Alb-Gre /d/
R(Tri, Alb, OTB)* F Alb-Gre*

ENGLAND Wayne Callahan: (4) A Nwy* H, F NthS-Hol*, F EngC-NthS*, F Edi* S F EngC-NthS

FRANCE David Weitz: (5) A Bur*-Ruhr, A Mar*-Bur, A Par-Bre*, A Bol* S ENGLISH F Nth-Hol,
F Spa(sc)-Por*

GERMANY Charles Neal: (5) A Kiel-Ruhr*, A Mun* S A Kiel-Ruhr, A Ber-Kiel*,
F Hol-NthS /d/ R(Hel, OTB)*, A Den* H

ITALY Tim Tilson: (4, 1 short) A Ven-Tyro*, A Tun* H, F Ion* S AUSTRIAN F Alb-Gre

RUSSIA Gary Burce: (6) A Mos-StP*, A Sev-Rum*, A Gal*-Bud, A Rum-Ser*, F Bla* S A Sev-Rum,
F Buc*-N

TURKEY Alan Cathcart: (4) A Bul* S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser, A Con*-Gre, F Aeg* C A Con-Gre,
F Smy-EMed*

Fall 1902 orders are due in Courtenay on June 10th. Change of address for Charles Neal to 1809 Pace Ave, Mt. Vernon, Ill 62864.

PRESS

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan looked gloomily out the window of his magnificent palace into the teeming streets. In his hand was the announcement of his recent electoral triumph in Bulgaria. He fixed a petulant eye on the Grand Vizier. "Why is it," he whined, "that every other head of state in Dippydon is spreading his sexual exploits over the front pages, and all I ever do is win elections? And me the only one with a harem! By the way, how are the girls these days?"

"Still organizing their NCW chapter, Excellency; however, they have temporarily given up karate lessons to go canvassing for ERA."

"Thank Allah for small favors," muttered the monarch with a reminiscent grimace. "I thought I'd never get over what they did to me after I deported that French cork merchant."

"One hardly notices the truss, your majesty. . . ."

PARIS-IN-A-WINECELLAR: Count Frankly de Euseless has been dispatched secretly to Belgium, according to informed sources, to make known to the people the friendly nature of their new French protectors. Because of the recent French wine overflow there was little need for such assurances, however, for de Euseless was hailed as a savior by the Belgians, intoxicated as they were with the spirits of France.

PARIS-IN-A-WINECELLAR TO CEDAR HILL: Have you tried Brussels Sprouts with Burgandy?? Eat it! Drink it!! (Only Germans it gives indigestion.)

CEDAR HILL: No, cannot say that I have. Have you tried liver and apricot brandy. Eat it! Drink it!!! At least tell me what it's like!!!!

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BUDDHA-PEST: Count Burkackula scanned the blood-stained opium fields of the Turkish countryside. "If only those poor misguided Turks had listened to reason," muttered the Count while balancing a paper clip on his nose. "Call in that bumbler, Horton!" remarked the Count.

"You called, sir??" asked Horton as he kissed the Count's toe.

"Why do they call you Horton?" inquired the Count.

"He like to eat heaps of food", growled Horton. At that time, the Count noticed that Horton actually weighed a ton.

SACRAMENTO: Watch it, Burkackula, or the Fangmaster will come pull your wings out.

1974 C-M

GAMEMASTER: Gary L. Burco, 1168 Bunker Hill Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43220
SPRING 1903

GERMANY ATTACKS EVERYWHERE; TURKEY SUPPORTS EVERYWHERE; FRANCE CONTINUES TO REPORT ILICIT RELATIONSHIP WITH GERMANY!

AUSTRIA David Davies: (5) F Alb-Gre*, F Aeg* S F Alb-Gre, A Vic-Gal*, A Bud* S A Vic-Gal, A Ser-Rum /d/ R(Tri, Alb, OTB)*

ENGLAND Mike Hanagan: (4) F Nwy* S GERMAN F Swe, F Eng* C A Wal-Por, F MidA* C A Wal-Por, A Wal-Por*

FRANCE Doug McMullin: (4) F NAfr-Wes*, A Bro-Pic*, A Par* / A Mar-Bur, A Mar-Bur /d/ R(Spa, OTB)*

GERMANY Ron Kelly: (7) F Swe* S ENGLISH F Nwy, F Bal* C A Kie-Lvn, A Kie-Lvn*, A Mon-Sil*, A Bol* S ENGLISH A Wal-Pic NSO, A Bur* / A Gas-Par, A Gas*-Par

ITALY Dave Truman: (4) F Tun* H, F Lyo* S A Pie-Mar, A Pie-Mar*, A Ven-Pie*

RUSSIA Adam Satchwell: (5) F Both* S A Fin-StP, F Bla-Rum*, A Fin-StP*, A Rum-Ser*, A Gal-Bud /d/ P(Ukr, War, Boh, OTB)*

TURKEY Dennis Goldston: (4) A Bul* S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser, F Con* S A Bul, A Ank* S F Con, A Smy* S A Ank

Retreats are due here (Columbus) as soon as possible. You will all be notified when I get them from Austria, France, and Russia. They will be printed in the next C&F. Fall 1903 orders due June 9, 1975 in Columbus. Change of address for Mike Hanagan--see 1974GV.

PRESS

PARIS: I love Ron Kelly! Smooch-smooch. Smack! Kiss-kiss-hug!

COLUMBUS: At least I know that their moves come from 3500 miles apart. If Turkey's supports and Germany's attacks could get together, that would be the greatest fighting force ever seen.

1975 A-W

GAMEMASTER: Steve Brooks, 4960B Ave C, Great Falls, Mont. 59405
SPRING 1901

A RE-ENACTMENT OF 1066???

AUSTRIA John Weswig: (3) F Tri-Alb*, A Vic-Bud*, A Bud-Ser*

ENGLAND Steve Nozik: (3) F Edi-NwgS*, F Lon-NthS*, A Liv-Yor*

FRANCE David A Weitz: (3) F Bre-Eng*, A Par-Pic*, A Mar-Spa*

GERMANY Roger Downing: (3) FKie-Hol*, A Mun-Ruhr*, A Ber-Kiel*

ITALY Dennis Goldston: (3) F Nap-Ion*, A Ven* H, A Rom-Apu*

RUSSIA David Scott: (4) F StP(sc)-Both*, A Mos-Ukr*, A War*Hold, F Sev-Rum*

TURKEY Tommy Neal: (3) F Ank-Bla*, A Smy-Arm*, A Con-Bul*

All moves work!

Fall 1901 orders are due in Great Falls on June 9th.

Change of address for Steven Nozik, 57 Chartwell Ct., Rochester, N.Y. 14618

THE DIPLOMAT'S OTHER TABLE

Sourer Sourdough And Potato Bread

by Michael Ward

The sourness of the bread is controlled by the length of time the dough spends fermenting. You can leave the starter out for a few days to get a good sour taste, but I prefer to do it the lazy way. You need at least two cups of starter to do it this way, because you use up a cup, but it is by far the easiest way to adapt any bread recipe to the sourdough method. Take one cup of starter, and add to it all the liquid called for in the recipe. If you are using your favorite bread recipe as given in CLAW & FANG #50 you use $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups water (three cups of milk or three cups of water will work). Stir in enough flour so that it becomes difficult to stir with a spoon. Cover this with plastic wrap and let it sit. Six hours should be enough to raise your dough, but give virtually no sour taste. I let it sit for a week once and ended up with a permanent pucker. Two days of sitting should make the dough sour enough for almost anyone.

Here is a starter to use making potato bread: mmmmm good!

Mix: $\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoons cornmeal (white or yellow)

2 tablespoons sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt

1 cup milk in a saucepan and scald, stirring constantly. Pour this into a jar or bowl, cover with plastic and place in a warm (85°) spot for several days until it becomes frothy. Stir each day. When it is ready cook 3 medium potatoes until tender--save the water. Mash them and put them through a sieve or a food mill. Take the cooking water and add water if necessary to make three cups and stir it into the cornmeal mixture. Recover and place in the warm spot for a day. You treat this and use it like any other starter, but you use the mashed potato mixture to replenish it.

Another tip: Using a whole wheat starter gives bread an interesting flavor.

I recommend: "The Complete Book of Breads" by Bernard Clayton, Jr published by Simon and Schuster. It has over 300 recipes, and most, if not all, can be done by the sourdough method.

In the next issue, I will discuss making San Francisco style sourdough bread.

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SPRING 1910

ENGLISH PRACTICE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULTS AS PEACE PARLEY PROPOSED

AUSTRIA Gary Leppert: (7) F Tus* S F Tyrr-Lyon, F Tyrr-Lyon /d/ R(Rome, OTB)*,

A Boh* $\%$ A War-Sil, A Tyro*-Mun, A Pied* H, A War*-Sil, A Ven* S A Pied

ENGLAND John Weswig: (11) F Both* C A Lvn-Fin, F Bal* C A Den-Ber, F Nth* C A Edi-Hol

F Nwg-NAO*, A Edi-Hol*, A Den-Ber*, A Lon* H, A StP-Nwy*, A Sil* $\%$ A Den-Ber,

A Mos-StP*, A Lvn-Fin*

FRANCE Russ Nekorchuk: (8) F VMed* S F Lyon-Tyrr, F Tun* S F Lyon-Tyrr, F Lyon-Tyrr,

F Bre-MAO*, A Bur* S A Ruhr-Mun, A Mar* H (unordered), A Mun*-Boh, A Ruhr*-Mun

TURKEY Jeff Barber: (8) F Bla-Con*, F Ion* S F Nap-Tyrr, F Gre* S F Ion, F Nap*-Tyrr,

A Rum*-Ukr, A Pru-Lvn*, A Ukr*-War, A Sev-Mos*

Fall 1910 orders are due at 1900 hours Sunday, June 1. There has been a call for a vote on a 4-way draw.

1974J

AUTUMN 1909: AUSTRIA: A Vie R Rome

WINTER 1909: AUSTRIA: Remove A Pied GERMANY: Build A Ber, A Mun, A Kiel

TURKEY: Build A Con, F Smy

Spring 1910 orders are due at 1900 hours Sunday, June 1. Four-way draw was rejected.

1974CV

WINTER 1908

AUSTRIA: Even ENGLAND: Build A Lon FRANCE: Build A Par
 ITALY: Even RUSSIA: Even TURKEY: Build A Con
 Spring 1909 orders are due at 1900 hours Sunday, June 1.

PRESS

PARIS: The recent communique from Rome is being taken with a (large) grain of salt, as the copy received here was hand printed (badly) on the back of a receipt for a gross of Turkish hookahs. Emissaries are enroute to Rome to determine the true state of affairs.

1974CZ

AUTUMN 1906: AUSTRIA (Eric Verheiden): F Smy R Aeg, A Gal R Bud, A Rum R Sov
 ITALY: A Tyro R Tri

WINTER 1906

AUSTRIA: Remove A Ukr ENGLAND: Even FRANCE: Even GERMANY: Even
 ITALY: Build A Ven, A Rome TURKEY: Even
 Spring 1907 due June 1.

1974FA

SUMMER 1906: GERMANY A Bud R Vie

FALL 1906

FRENCH PUT GERMAN AND ITALIAN HOMETOWN SUPPLY CENTERS UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY.
 GERMANS AND ITALIANS APPARENTLY MISTAKING AGRESSOR CHEW UP TURKISH FORCES IN RETALIATION
 FRANCE David Reynolds: (10, 1 short) F Edi-NwgS*, F Hol* S F NthS-Den, F Lon*-NthS,
 F NAO* S F Edi-NwgS, F Tyrr-Rome*, F NthS*-Den, A Bur*-Mun, A Hol-Kiel*,
 A Ruhr* S A Hol-Kiel CENTERS: Home, Per, Spa, Bel, Edi, Lon, Lvp, Hol,
 ROME, KIEL (12) Build 3

GERMANY John Torrey: (10) F Nwy* H, F Bal* S A Den, A Ukr*-Rum, A Sil* S A Mun,
 A Kiel H /d/ R(Ber, OTB)*, A Mun* / A Kiel, A Gal* S A Vie-Bud, A Mos*-Sev,
 A Vie-Bud*, A Den* / A Kiel CENTERS: Mun, Ber, ~~Kiel~~, Den, Swe, War, Mos,
 StP, Nwy, Bud (9) Remove 1

ITALY Gary Leppert: (6) F Aeg-Bul(sc)*, F Ion* S A Alb-Gre, F IMed-Aeg*, A Tyro-Pied*,
 A Alb-Gre*, A Ser* S F Aeg-Bul(sc)

CENTERS: ~~Ven, Nap~~, Nap, Ven, Tun, Tri?, Vie, BUL, SER, GRE (7 or 8 depending on
 Turkish retreat) Build 1 or 2

TURKEY David Ayres: (8, 1 short) F Con*-Bul, F Gre-Ion /d/ annihilated, A Smy*-Con,
 A Bul-Rum /d/ annihilated, A Sev* / A Rum-Ukr, A Rum*-Ukr, A Bud-Vie /d/
 R(Tri, OTB)* CENTERS: Home, ~~Ven, Nap~~, Sev, ~~StP~~, Rum, TRI? (6 or 5) Build 1 or
 Winter 1906 adjustments are due at 1900 hours Sunday, June 1. Four-way Even
 draw did not carry.

PRESS

BERLIN: Your reporter has just learned that the German Chancellor has been having secret treatments for a mysterious ailment. It is thought that the recent rash of papers in the German medical journals on "How to Cure a Pain in the Saddle Point" may be related to this illness, but our usually reliable sources deny this.

1974GV

FALL 1903 revisited: Russia did not lose Budapest to Turkey so Russia has 9 supply centers for 1 build and Turkey has 7 for 1 build.

AUTUMN 1903: ENGLAND: F Nwy R NwgS ITALY: A Tri R OTB GERMANY: A Sil R Boh
 WINTER 1903

ENGLAND: Remove F Mid A FRANCE: No room to build, will be 1 short.
 GERMANY: Build F Kiel, Build A Mun, Thumb nose at Russia, Forge letter from Turkey
 ITALY: Even RUSSIA: Build F StP(nc) TURKEY: Build F Smy

Spring 1904 orders are due at 1900 hours Sunday, June 1.

Change of address for Michael Hanagan (Russia) 210 North Channing #803,
 St Louis, MO 63103. Also for Frank McIlvaine (Italy) 206 West 15th St, Deer Park,
 New York 11729.

(PRESS overleaf)

PRESS

ROME: There was gloom over Rome as the first army was wiped out to the last man defending the homeland. In a giant naval battle however the Italian fleet held off the Turkish and Russian fleets. Superior naval design enabled that to happen. Mario Romano finally realized that his country was in danger when he discovered that there were no more Austrian wonches to be "questioned". When Mario was told the entire situation he ordered the nation treasury to be loaded upon a naval cruiser. He then got on the radio and in a national address swore "to fight to the end with my people!" He immediately took up residence at Rome's port so that he could "keep an eye on the treasury." There are rumors that Mario is planning a visit to Liverpool in the near future in his gettaway...errr...I mean cruiser.

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WINTER 1901 REPRIZE

CORRECTED BUILDS FOR GERMANY PUBLISHED; GAMESMASTERS HORTON AND FORTE TAKE REMEDIAL READING COURSE.

AUSTRIA: (Willomson) Builds A Vic, A Bud; Positions: Armies--Ser, Tri, Vic, Bud, Fleet--
 ENGLAND: (Clein) Builds F Lon; Positions: Army--Bel, Fleets--Lon, Nug, Nth
 FRANCE: (Hanagan) Builds A Bre, F Mar; Positions: Armies--Spa, Par, Bre, Fleets--Por, Mar
 GERMANY: (Karlinski) Builds F Kie, A Ber; Positions: Armies--Mun, Hol, Ber, Fleets--
 Swo, Kiel
 ITALY: (Nelson) Builds F Nap; Positions: Armies--Tus, Ven; Fleets--Tun, Nap
 RUSSIA: (Cartier) Even; Positions: Armies--St Pete, Lvn, Fleet--GBoth
 TURKEY: Builds F Con, F Smy, A Ank; Positions: Armies--Sev, Bul, Ank; Fleets--Rum,
 Con, Smy (Lakofka)

Revised Spring 1902 orders due at David Forte's place by May 25. Hey, Ed, isn't it nice to have two brilliant gamesmaster running an efficient game?

PRESS

WARSAWA: Speaking to cheering throngs of millions, Price Andrej Sawecjewski congratulated his Generals on their brilliant manoeuvres of 1901. In a brilliant series of quick victories, Russia has won the war! Practically all of our nation's young men have won the Great War and are on their way home, unscathed.

FROM UNDER CENTRAL PARK: The weakened Russian empire sent its famed Bolshoi Ballet on a tour across the Atlantic. It might have better stayed home. Its most celebrated piece, "Spartacus" is a piece of dull propaganda tripe, with choreography about as sophisticated as a high school band at half-time during a football game. (The nasty Roman soldiers imprisoning the noble proletarian Spartacus, marched around with one hand in the air whilst they goose-stepped--get it?) The same steps were used for the orgy scenes as the battle scenes. An athletic even it was; a dance it was not.

How do porcupines mate?

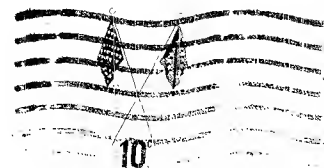
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